

POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

International Product and Price Changes

AGENCY: Postal Service[™].

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service is revising *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM[®]), to reflect the prices, product features, and classification changes to Competitive Services, as established by the Governors of the Postal Service.

DATES: Effective date: January 26, 2014.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: New prices are available under Docket Number CP2014-5 on the Postal Regulatory Commission's website at http://www.prc.gov.

This final rule describes the international price and classification changes and the corresponding mailing standards changes for the following Competitive Services:

- Global Express Guaranteed[®] (GXG[®]).
- Priority Mail Express International[™].
- Priority Mail International[®].
- First-Class Package International Service[™].
- International Priority Airmail[™] (IPA[®]).
- International Surface Air Lift[®] (ISAL[®]).

- Direct Sacks of Printed Matter to One Addressee (M-bags).
- International Extra Services:
 - Certificate of Mailing.
 - Registered Mail[™] Service.
 - o Return Receipt Service.
 - Pickup On Demand[®] Service.
- International Money Transfer Services:
 - o Sure Money® (DineroSeguro®).

New prices are located on the Postal Explorer® website at http://pe.usps.com.

Global Express Guaranteed

Global Express Guaranteed (GXG) is an international expedited delivery service provided through an alliance with FedEx Express[®]. The price increase for GXG service averages 3.0 percent. The Commercial Base[®] price and Commercial Plus[®] price for customers that prepare and pay for GXG shipments via permit imprint, online at USPS.com[®], or as registered end-users using an authorized PC Postage[®] vendor will remain a variable discount (based on the item's weight and price group) of up to 13 percent below the retail price for Commercial Base price and up to 20 percent below the retail price for Commercial Plus price. The price for GXG insurance is unchanged. In addition, the following product features and classification changes are made:

Commercial Base Price when using Click-N-Ship for Business

To provide additional value, customers who prepare their GXG shipping label using Click-N-Ship for Business® and pay for the item's postage using their

meter will be eligible to receive the applicable Commercial Base postage price. Such items paid with stamps, or if brought to a Postal Service retail counter for postage will continue to pay the retail price.

Priority Mail Express International

Priority Mail Express International service provides reliable, high-speed service to over 185 countries with a money-back, date-certain delivery guarantee to select destinations. The price increase for Priority Mail Express International service averages 1.3 percent. The Commercial Base price and Commercial Plus price for customers that prepare and pay for Priority Mail Express International shipments via permit imprint, online at USPS.com, or as registered end-users using an authorized PC Postage vendor will remain a variable discount (based on the item's weight and price group) of up to 11 percent below the retail price for Commercial Base price and up to 20 percent below the retail price for Commercial Plus price. The price for Priority Mail Express International insurance is unchanged. In addition, the following product features and classification changes are made:

Flat Rate Envelopes and Boxes

To provide additional incentives to commercial mailers who prepare items online, Commercial Base and Commercial Plus prices for Priority Mail Express International Flat Rate Envelopes and Flat Rate Boxes will be lower than the retail price. Currently, these flat-rated items are the same price regardless of price tier.

Commercial Base Price when using Click-N-Ship for Business

To provide additional value, customers who prepare their Priority Mail Express International combined shipping and customs label using Click-N-Ship for Business and pay for the item's postage using their meter will be eligible to receive the applicable Commercial Base postage price. Such items paid with stamps, or if brought to a Postal Service retail counter for postage will continue to pay the retail price.

Mexico – Weight Limit Increase

For all price tiers, we are increasing the weight limit for Priority Mail Express International items sent to Mexico to 70 pounds.

Enhancements to Priority Mail Express International with Guarantee Service

Customers who prepare and pay for Priority Mail Express International With Guarantee service online with permit imprint, or PC Postage (including Click-N-Ship®) may be eligible for the date-certain postage refund. In addition, customers who prepare their Priority Mail Express International items using a combined shipping and customs label using Click-N-Ship for Business and pay for the item's postage using their meter, may also be eligible for the date-certain postage refund. Previously, a customer was required to present their item for mailing at a Postal Service retail counter to be eligible. This service is currently available to nine destination countries.

Priority Mail International

Priority Mail International offers economical prices for reliable delivery of documents and merchandise. The price increase for Priority Mail International service averages 1.1 percent. The Commercial Base price and Commercial Plus

price for customers that prepare and pay for Priority Mail International items via permit imprint, online at USPS.com, or as registered end-users using an authorized PC Postage vendor will remain a variable discount (based on the item's weight and price group) of up to 13 percent below the retail price for Commercial Base price and up to 18 percent below the retail price for Commercial Plus price. The price for Priority Mail International insurance is unchanged. In addition, the following product features and classification changes are made:

Flat Rate Envelopes and Boxes

To provide additional incentives to commercial mailers who prepare items online, Commercial Base and Commercial Plus for Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes and Flat Rate Boxes will be lower than the retail price. Currently, these flat-rated items are the same price regardless of price tier.

Commercial Base Price when using Click-N-Ship for Business

To provide additional value, customers who prepare their Priority Mail
International combined shipping and customs label using Click-N-Ship for
Business and pay for the item's postage using their meter will be eligible to
receive the applicable Commercial Base postage price. Such items paid with
stamps, or if brought to a Postal Service retail counter for postage will continue to
pay the retail price.

Minimum Size Requirement

We are changing the minimum size of a Priority Mail International parcel to stipulate that the surface area of the address side of the item to be mailed must

be large enough to completely contain the postage, customs label, and any other applicable endorsements or markings.

Mexico – Weight Limit Increase

For all price tiers, we are increasing the weight limit for Priority Mail International items sent to Mexico to 70 pounds.

Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International

The Postal Service is adding the following 12 countries for Electronic USPS® Delivery Confirmation™ International (E-USPS DELCON INTL™) service:

- o Estonia
- Finland
- Gibraltar
- Hungary
- Italy
- o Latvia
- o Lithuania
- o Luxembourg
- Malaysia
- o Malta
- o Portugal
- Singapore

First-Class Package International Service

First-Class Package International Service is our most affordable international service for small packages weighing up to 4 pounds and that do not

exceed \$400 in value. The price increase for retail First-Class Package
International Service averages 0.8 percent. First-Class Package International
Service Commercial Base and Commercial Plus prices will remain unchanged.
The Commercial Base price and Commercial Plus price for customers that
prepare and pay for First-Class Package International Service items via permit
imprint, online at USPS.com, or as registered end-users using an authorized PC
Postage vendor will remain a variable discount (based on the item's weight and
price group) of up to 13 percent below the retail price for Commercial Base price
and up to 19 percent below the retail price for Commercial Plus price. In addition,
the following product features and classification changes are made:

Commercial Base Price when using Click-N-Ship for Business

To provide additional value, customers who prepare their First-Class

Package International Service combined shipping and customs label using ClickN-Ship for Business and pay for the item's postage using their meter will be
eligible to receive the applicable Commercial Base postage price. Such items
paid with stamps, or if brought to a Postal Service retail counter for postage, will
continue to pay the retail price.

Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International

The Postal Service is adding the following 12 countries for Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International service:

- o Estonia
- Finland
- Gibraltar

- Hungary
- o Italy
- o Latvia
- o Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malaysia
- o Malta
- Portugal
- Singapore

Package Pickup and Pickup on Demand Service

Beginning January 26, 2014, First-Class Package International Service items will be eligible for Package Pickup or Pickup On Demand service.

Global Expedited Package Services

The Postal Service will offer Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) customized agreements to First-Class Package International Service customers pursuant to the terms and conditions stipulated between the Postal Service and a particular customer. This update will also be reflected in PS Form 3700, *Postage Statement — International Mail*.

International Priority Airmail

International Priority Airmail (IPA) service, including IPA M-bags, is a commercial service designed for business mailers for volume mailings of First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, large envelopes (flats), and First-Class

Package International Service packages (small packets). Overall, prices for IPA will decrease by 2.5 percent.

In addition, the following product features and classification changes are made:

Clarify that Not All IPA mail is Flown to the Destination Country

With this final rule, the Postal Service clarifies that not all IPA mail is flown to the destination country. For example, USPS may use surface transportation for IPA mail destined to Canada or Mexico.

Price Groups

Price groups increase from 16 to 20 (includes Worldwide nonpresort).

Separation by Price Group

Price groups 1 – 14 will have shaped-based pricing and will be require separate containers (i.e., letter trays for postcards and letter-size pieces, flat trays for flat-size pieces, and sacks for package-size pieces.)

Weight Limits for Flat-size and Package-size Items

The Postal Service decreases the maximum weight for flat-size items from 4 pounds to 17.6 ounces; increases the maximum weight limit for package-size items from 4 pounds to 4.4 pounds; and, finally, for IPA M-bags contents, increases the combined weight of each printed matter mailpiece and the related articles from 4 pounds to 4.4 pounds. Letter-size pieces are unchanged and their maximum weight remains at 3.5 ounces.

Decrease the Minimum Weight for Direct Country Price Tier.

To qualify for the direct country price tier, we will decrease the minimum weight for a direct country container from 3 pounds to 2 pounds.

Destination Countries of Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria.

On May 7, 2012, we temporarily suspended IPA service to Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria. Effective January 26, 2014 we will make this change permanent until such time as export sanctions are removed or exports to these countries can be suitably monitored. First-Class Mail International service and First Class Package International Service remains available to send letterpost items to these destinations.

International Surface Air Lift

International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) service, including ISAL M-bags, is a commercial service, which provides dispatch and transportation for mailers of volume mailings of all First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, large envelopes (flats), and First-Class Package International Service packages (small packets). Overall, prices for ISAL will decrease by 2.9 percent.

In addition, the following product features and classification changes are made:

Clarify that Not All ISAL mail is Flown to the Destination Country

With this final rule, the Postal Service clarifies that not all ISAL mail is flown to the destination country. For example, USPS may use surface transportation for ISAL mail destined to Canada or Mexico.

Price Groups.

Price groups increase from 16 to 20 (includes Worldwide nonpresort).

Separation by Price Group

Price groups 1 – 14 will have shaped-based pricing and will be require separate containers (i.e., letter trays for postcards and letter-size pieces, flat trays for flat-size pieces, and sacks for package-size pieces.)

Weight Limits for Flat-size and Package-size Items

The Postal Service decreases the maximum weight for flat-size items from 4 pounds to 17.6 ounces; increases the maximum weight limit for package-size items from 4 pounds to 4.4 pounds; and, finally, for ISAL M-bags contents, increases the combined weight of each printed matter mailpiece and related articles from 4 pounds to 4.4 pounds. Letter-size pieces are unchanged and their maximum weight remains at 3.5 ounces.

Decrease the Minimum Weight for Direct Country Price Tier.

To qualify for the direct country price tier, we will decrease the minimum weight for a direct country container from 3 pounds to 2 pounds.

Destination Countries of Cuba, Iran, Sudan, and Syria

On May 7, 2012, we temporarily suspended ISAL service to Cuba, Iran, Sudan, and Syria. Effective January 26, 2014 we will make this change permanent until such time as export sanctions are removed or exports to these countries can be suitably monitored. First-Class Mail International service and First Class Package International Service remains available to send letter-post items to these destinations.

Direct Sacks of Printed Matter to One Addressee (M-bags)

Airmail M-bags are direct sacks of printed matter sent to a single foreign addressee at a single address. The price increase for Airmail M-bags averages 2.9 percent.

International Extra Services, Pick Up on Demand Service, and International Money Transfer Services

Depending on country destination and mail type, customers may add a variety of extra services to their outbound shipments. International competitive extra services, Pick Up on Demand service, and International Money Transfer services are updated as follows:

Certificate of Mailing

The prices for Certificate of Mailing will increase on average by 9.7 percent.

Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee

The price for *Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee* will increase by 9.1 percent.

Registered Mail

The price for Registered Mail will increase by 5.4 percent.

Return Receipt

The price for Return Receipt will increase 7.1 percent.

Pickup on Demand

The price for Pickup on Demand is unchanged. In addition, we will offer this service for First-Class Package International Service.

International Money Transfer Services

The prices for International Money Transfer Services which include International Postal Money Orders, Money Order Inquiry Fee, and Sure Money (DineroSeguro) are unchanged. In addition, on December 1, 2012, we temporarily suspended the maximum purchase limit, the refund limit, and the change of payee limit to \$1,500 for Sure Money transactions. We are making these limits permanent effective January 26, 2014.

The Postal Service hereby adopts the following changes to *Mailing*Standards of the United States Postal Service, International Mail Manual (IMM), which is incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39

CFR 20.1.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20

Foreign relations, International postal services.

Accordingly, 39 CFR part 20 is amended as follows:

PART 20 — [AMENDED]

- 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 20 continues to read as follows: **Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 13 U.S.C. 301-307; 18 U.S.C. 1692-1737; 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 407, 414, 416, 3001-3011, 3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3632, 3633, and 5001.
 - 2. Revise the following sections of *Mailing Standards of the United States*Postal Service, International Mail Manual (IMM), as follows:

Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, International Mail
Manual (IMM)

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2 Conditions for Mailing 210 Global Express Guaranteed 213 Prices and Postage Payment Methods [Revise the titles of 213.7 and 213.71 to read as follows:] 213.7 Online Methods 213.71 Online Prices — Commercial Base or Commercial Plus Prices For selected destination countries, Global Express Guaranteed items qualify for discounted prices (equal to the Commercial Base price or Commercial Plus price) when mailers use one of the following online shipping methods: [Revise item a to read as follows:] a. Commercial Base Price: Click-N-Ship service using online postage; registered end-users of USPS-approved PC Postage products using online postage; or Click-N-Ship for Business using metered postage. 215 Mail Entry and Deposit 215.3 Pickup On Demand Service

*** A pickup can include any or all of the following items:

[Revise the list to read as follows (to include First-Class Package International Service items):]

a. Global Express Guaranteed items.

b. Priority Mail Express International items.
c. Priority Mail International items.
d. First-Class Package International Service items.
e. Priority Mail Express items.
f. Priority Mail items.
g. Package Services items.
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220 Priority Mail Express International
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221 Description and Physical Characteristics
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221.2 Priority Mail Express International With Guarantee Service
[Revise the introduction to read as follows:]
Priority Mail Express International With Guarantee service offers a date-certain,
postage-refund guarantee. This service is available only to the following
countries:
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223 Prices and Postage Payment Methods
223.1 Prices
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223.12 Commercial Base Prices
[Revise 223.12 to read as follows:]

A mailer who pays postage with a permit imprint under 223.222, or with the online methods described in 223.241, qualifies for the Priority Mail Express International Commercial Base prices, which are less than Priority Mail Express International retail prices.

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223.2 Postage Payment Methods

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[Revise the titles of 223.24 and 223.241 to read as follows:]

223.24 Online Methods

223.241 Online Prices — Commercial Base or Commercial Plus Prices

For selected destination countries, Priority Mail Express International items qualify for discounted prices (equal to the Commercial Base price or Commercial Plus price) when mailers use one of the following online shipping methods:

[Revise item a to read as follows:]

a. Commercial Base Price: Click-N-Ship service using online postage; registered end-users of USPS-approved PC Postage products using online postage; or Click-N-Ship for Business using metered postage.

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225 Mail Entry and Deposit

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225.2 Pickup On Demand Service

*** A pickup can include any or all of the following items:

[Revise the list to read as follows (to include First-Class Package International Service items):]

- a. Global Express Guaranteed items.
- b. Priority Mail Express International items.
- c. Priority Mail International items.
- d. First-Class Package International Service items.
- e. Priority Mail Express items.
- f. Priority Mail items.
- g. Package Services items.

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230 Priority Mail International

231 Description and Physical Characterizes

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231.2 Physical Characteristics

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231.22 Dimensions — Priority Mail International Parcels

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The minimum and maximum dimensions for Priority Mail International parcels are as follows:

[Revise item a to read as follows:]

a. For Priority Mail International parcels, the surface area of the address side of the item to be mailed must be large enough to completely contain the postage, customs label and envelope (PS Form 2976-E), and any other applicable endorsements or markings. The PS Form 2976-E is approximately 7-1/4 inches high and 10-1/4 inches long.

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232 Eligibility

232.1 Priority Mail International Flat Rate Envelopes and Small Flat Rate

Priced Boxes

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232.12 Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International

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232.122 Availability

[Revise the last sentence and add Exhibit 231.122 to read as follows:]

*** The service is available only to the countries listed in Exhibit 231.122:

Exhibit 231.122 Country Availability

Country Name			
Australia	Germany	Malaysia	
Belgium	Gibraltar	Malta	
Brazil	Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Netherlands	
Canada	Hungary	New Zealand	
Croatia	Israel	Portugal	
Denmark	Italy	Singapore	
Estonia	Latvia	Spain	
Finland	Lithuania	Switzerland	
France	Luxembourg		

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233 Prices and Postage Payment Methods

233.1 Prices

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233.12 Commercial Base Prices

[Revise 233.12 to read as follows:]

A mailer who pays postage with a permit imprint under 233.222, or with the online methods described in 233.231, qualifies for the Priority Mail International Commercial Base prices, which are less than Priority Mail International retail prices. See Notice 123, *Price List*, for the applicable price.

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233.2 Postage Payment Methods

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[Revise the titles of 233.23 and 233.231 to read as follows:]

233.23 Online Methods

233.231 Online Prices — Commercial Base or Commercial Plus Prices

For selected destination countries, Priority Mail International items qualify for discounted prices (equal to the Commercial Base price or Commercial Plus price) when mailers use one of the following online shipping methods:

[Revise item a to read as follows:]

a. Commercial Base Price: Click-N-Ship service using online postage; registered end-users of USPS-approved PC Postage products using online postage; or Click-N-Ship for Business using metered postage.

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235 Mail Entry and Deposit

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235.2 Pickup On Demand Service

*** A pickup can include any or all of the following items:

[Revise the list to read as follows (to include First-Class Package International Service items):]

- a. Global Express Guaranteed items.
- b. Priority Mail Express International items.
- c. Priority Mail International items.
- d. First-Class Package International Service items.
- e. Priority Mail Express items.
- f. Priority Mail items.
- g. Package Services items.

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250 First-Class Package International Service

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252 Eligibility

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252.2 Electronic USPS Delivery Confirmation International

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252.22 Availability

[Revise the last sentence and add Exhibit 252.22 to read as follows:]

*** The service is available only to the countries listed in Exhibit 252.22:

Country Name			
Australia	Germany	Malaysia	
Belgium	Gibraltar	Malta	
Brazil	Great Britain and	Netherlands	

	Northern Ireland	
Canada	Hungary	New Zealand
Croatia	Israel	Portugal
Denmark	Italy	Singapore
Estonia	Latvia	Spain
Finland	Lithuania	Switzerland
France	Luxembourg	

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253 Prices and Postage Payment Methods

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253.2 Postage Payment Methods

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[Revise the titles of 253.23 and 253.231 to read as follows:]

253.23 Online Methods

253.231 Online Prices — Commercial Base or Commercial Plus Prices

For selected destination countries, First-Class Package International Service items qualify for discounted prices (equal to the Commercial Base price or Commercial Plus price) when mailers use one of the following online shipping methods:

[Revise item a to read as follows:]

a. Commercial Base Price: Click-N-Ship service using online postage; registered end-users of USPS-approved PC Postage products using online postage; or Click-N-Ship for Business using metered postage.

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255 Mail Entry and Deposit

255.1 Place of Mailing

255.11 Items Eligible for Deposit or Pickup

First-Class Package International Service items bearing a computer-generated customs form with customs data that has been electronically transmitted (e.g., using Click-N-Ship service, an authorized PC Postage vendor, or the USPS Web Tools system) may be deposited through any of the following methods, provided postage is paid by a means other than the use of postage stamps:

[Revise the list to read as follows (to include Pickup on Demand service and Package Pickup service):]

- a. In a private mailbox bearing a return address that matches the address at the point of pick up, when the customer or business is known to reside or do business at that location.
- b. Through Pickup on Demand service.
- c. Through Package Pickup service.
- d. At a Postal Service retail counter.
- e. Into a Postal Service lobby drop.
- f. In a collection box.
- g. At a Contract Postal Unit (CPU).
- h. At a USPS Approved Shipper location.

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[Insert new 255.3 and 255.4 to read as follows:]

255.3 Pickup On Demand Service

Subject to the standards in 255.1, Pickup On Demand service is available for First-Class Package International Service items. There is a single charge for Pickup On Demand service (see Notice 123, *Price List*), regardless of the

number of items scheduled for pickup. A pickup can include any or all of the following items:

- a. Global Express Guaranteed items.
- b. Priority Mail Express International items.
- c. Priority Mail International items.
- d. First-Class Package International Service items.
- e. Priority Mail Express items.
- f. Priority Mail items.
- g. Package Services items.

255.4 Package Pickup Service

No pickup fee will be charged when a First-Class Package International Service item or items are picked up during a letter carrier's regular delivery stop or during a scheduled stop made to collect other mail not subject to a pickup fee. Pickup service is provided in accordance with the information in DMM 507.7; for more information, also visit the online site at *usps.com/pickup*.

260 Direct Sacks of Printed Matter to One Addressee (M-bags)

261 Description

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261.2 Eligibility

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261.22 Other Articles

Certain other articles may be enclosed in M-bags, provided that all of the following conditions of mailing are met:

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[Revise item d to read as follows:]

d. For Airmail M-bags, the combined weight of each printed matter mailpiece and the related articles may not exceed 4 pounds. For IPA and ISAL Mbags, the combined weight of each printed matter mailpiece and the related articles may not exceed 4.4 pounds.

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290 Commercial Services

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292 International Priority Airmail (IPA) Service

292.1 Description

292.11 General

[Revise 292.11 to read as follows:]

International Priority Airmail (IPA) service, including IPA M-bags, is a commercial service designed for volume mailings of all First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, and large envelopes (flats), and for volume mailings of First-Class Package International Service packages (small packets). The sender must prepare mailpieces in accordance with the requirements of this subchapter and with the shape-based requirements of the applicable service — either First-Class Mail International items (see 240) and/or First-Class Package International Service items (see 250). IPA shipments are typically flown to the foreign destinations (exceptions apply to Canada and Mexico) and are then entered into that country's air or surface priority mail system for delivery. Separate prices are

provided for International Service Center (ISC) drop shipments, presorted mail, and worldwide nonpresort mail. Volume incentives are available through customized agreements.

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292.2 Eligibility

292.21 Qualifying Mailpieces

[Revise 292.21 to read as follows:]

To qualify for IPA service, a mailpiece must meet the First-Class Mail International characteristics as defined in 141.5 (except for weight — see 292.24) or the First-Class Package International Service characteristics as defined in 141.6 (except for weight — see 292.24). Mailpieces do not have to be of the same size and weight to qualify. Any item sent with IPA service must conform to the size limits for First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, or large envelopes (flats) as described in 240, or for First-Class Package International Service packages (small packets) as described in 250.

292.22 Availability

[Revise 292.22 to read as follows:]

IPA service is available only to the foreign countries that are listed in Exhibit 292.45, which shows the price group and the foreign office of exchange code assigned to each country.

292.23 Minimum Quantity Requirements

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292.232 Presort Eligibility — Full-Service

[Revise the first sentence to read as follows:]

Only a direct country container with a minimum of 2 pounds qualifies for the presort price. ***

292.233 Presort Eligibility — ISC Drop Shipment

[Revise the first sentence to read as follows:]

Only a direct country container with a minimum of 2 pounds or a mixed country container with a minimum of 5 pounds qualifies for the presort price. ***

[Insert new 292.24 to read as follows (renumbering current 292.24 through

292.24 Maximum Weight Limits

292.26 to be 292.25 through 292.27):]

The maximum weight for an IPA container is 66 pounds. The maximum weight for an individual IPA item is as follows:

a. Letter-size item: 3.5 ounces.

b. Flat-size item: 17.6 ounces.

c. Package-size item: 4.4 pounds

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292.3 Prices and Postage Payment Methods

292.31 Prices

[Revise the first sentence to read as follows:]

IPA service has two price options: a presort price with 19 price groups, and a worldwide nonpresort price. ***

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292.4 Mail Preparation

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[Revise 292.45 through 292.47 in their entirety to read as follows:]

292.45 IPA Price Groups and Foreign Office of Exchange Codes

See Exhibits 292.45a and 292.45b for the IPA Country Price Groups and Foreign Office of Exchange Codes.

Exhibit 292.45a

IPA Country Price Groups and Foreign Office of Exchange Codes for All

Countries Other Than Canada

Country Labeling Name	Foreign Office of Exchange Code	Price Grou
Afghanistan	KBL	p 19
Albania	TIA	16
Algeria	ALG	19
Andorra, via Spain	MAD	15
Angola	LAD	19
Anguilla	AXA	17
Antiguila Antigua and Barbuda	ANU	17
Argentina	BUE	10
Armenia	EVN	19
Aruba	AUA	17
Ascension, via Great Britain	LAL	16
Australia 1	SYD	9
Austria	VIE	12
	BAK	19
Azerbaijan Bahamas	NAS	17
Bahrain	BAH	17
	DAC	19
Bangladesh Barbados	BGI	17
Belarus	MSQ	16
	BRU	12
Belgium Belize	BZE	17
Benin	COO	17
Bermuda	SGE	17
	LAL	
Bhutan, via Great Britain Bolivia	LAL LPB	19 17
		16
Bosnia-Herzegovina	SJJ GBE	19
Botswana	GBE	19

Brazil British Virgin Islands Brunei Darussalam Bulgaria Burkina Faso Burma (Myanmar) Burundi Cambodia Cameroon Canada	CWB RAD BWN SOF OUA RGN BJM PNH DLA See Canadian Labeling Information in Exhibit 292.45b	10 17 18 16 19 19 19 18 19
Cape Verde	RAI	19
Cayman Islands	GCM	17
Central African Republic	BGF	19
Chad Chile	NDJ SCL	19 17
China	BJS	14
Colombia	BOG	17
Comoros Islands, via France	CDG	19
Congo, Dem. Rep. of the	FIH	19
Congo, Rep. of the	BZV	19
Cook Islands	RAR	9
Costa Rica	SJO	17
Cote d'Ivoire	ABJ	19
Croatia Curacao (includes Bonaire, Saba, and Sint	ZAG CUR	16 17
Eustatius)	CON	17
Cyprus	LCA	19
Czech Republic	PRG	16
Denmark	CPH	12
Djibouti	JIB	19
Dominica	DOM	17
Dominican Republic	SDQ	17
Ecuador	UIO CAI	17 19
Egypt El Salvador	SAL	19
Equatorial Guinea	SSG	19
Eritrea	ASM	19
Estonia	TLL	16
Ethiopia	ADD	19
Falkland Islands, via Great Britain	LAL	17
Faroe Islands, via Denmark	CPH	16
Fiji Finland	NAN	18
Finland	HEL	12

France ² French Guiana French Polynesia Gabon Gambia Georgia, Republic of Germany Ghana Gibraltar Great Britain (includes England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Guernsey, Jersey, Alderney, Sark, and The Isle of Man)	CDG CAY FAA LBV BJL TBS FRA ACC GIB LAL	5 17 18 19 19 19 4 19 15 3
Greece	ATH	13
Greenland, via Denmark	CPH	15
Grenada	GND	17
Guadeloupe	PTP	17
Guatemala	GUA	17
Guinea	CKY	19
Guinea-Bissau	OXB	19
Guyana	GEO	17
Haiti	PAP	17
Honduras	TGU	17
Hong Kong	HKG	11
Hungary	BUD	16
Iceland	REK	15
India	DEL	14
Indonesia	JKT	18
Iraq	BGW	19
Ireland	DUB	13
Israel	TLV	13
Italy	MIL	7
Jamaica	KIN	17
Japan	NRT	6
Jordan	AMM	19
Kazakhstan	ALA	19
Kenya	NBO	19
Kiribati	TRW	18
Korea, Republic of (South)	SEL	11
Kosovo, Republic of	PRN	16
Kuwait	KWI	19
Kyrgyzstan	FRU	16
Laos	VTE	18
Latvia	RIX	16
Lebanon	BEY	19
Lesotho	MSU	19
Liberia	MLW	19

Libya	TIP	19
Liechtenstein, via Switzerland	ZRH	15
Lithuania	VNO	16
Luxembourg	LUX	15
Macao	MFM	16
Macedonia	FRA	16
Madagascar	TNR	19
Malawi	LBE	19
Malaysia	KUL	18
Maldives	MLE	19
Mali	BKO	19
Malta	MAR	19
	FDF	17
Martinique Mauritania	NKC	17
Mauritius	PLU	19
Mexico	MEX	2
Moldova	KIV	19
Monaco	MON	12
Mongolia	ULN	18
Montenegro	TGD	17
Montserrat	MNI	17
Morocco	CAS	19
Mozambique	MPM	19
Namibia	WDH	19
Nauru	INU	18
Nepal	KTM	18
Netherlands	AMS	12
New Caledonia	NOU	18
New Zealand ³	AKL	9
Nicaragua	MGA	17
Niger	NIM	19
Nigeria	LOS	19
Norway	OSL	12
Oman	MCT	19
Pakistan	ISB	19
Panama	PTY	17
Papua New Guinea	BOR	18
Paraguay	ASU	17
Peru	LIM	17
Philippines	MNL	14
Pitcairn Island, via New Zealand	AKL	18
Poland	WAW	12
Portugal (includes Azores and Madeira Islands)	LIS	13
Qatar	DOH	19
Reunion	RUN	19
Romania	BUH	16
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Russia Rwanda Saint Christopher and Nevis Saint Helena, via Great Britain Saint Lucia Saint Pierre and Miquelon, via Canada	MOW KGL SKB LAL SLU See Canadian Labeling Information in	16 19 17 19 17
Saint Vincent and The Grenadines San Marino, via Italy Sao Tome and Principe, via Portugal Saudi Arabia Senegal Serbia, Republic of Seychelles Sierra Leone	Exhibit 292.45b KTN MIL LIS DMM DKR BEG SEZ FNA	17 12 16 19 19 16 19
Singapore Sint Maarten Slovak Republic (Slovakia) Slovenia Solomon Islands South Africa	SIN SXM BTS LJU HIR JNB	11 17 16 13 18 14
Spain (includes Canary Islands) Sri Lanka Suriname Swaziland Sweden Switzerland Taiwan	MAD CMB PBM MTS STO ZRH TPE	8 19 17 19 12 12
Tajikistan Tanzania Thailand Timor-Leste, Democratic Republic of Togo Tonga Trinidad and Tobago	DYU DAR BKK DIL LFW TBU POS	19 19 14 18 19 18
Tristan da Cunha, via South Africa Tunisia Turkey Turkmenistan Turks and Caicos Islands Tuvalu, via Fiji Uganda	JNB TUN IST ASB GDT NAN KLA	19 19 16 16 17 18
Ukraine United Arab Emirates	IEV DXB	19 19

Uruguay	MVD	17
Uzbekistan	TAS	19
Vanuatu	VLI	18
Vatican City	VAT	15
Venezuela	CCS	17
Vietnam	SGN	18
Wallis and Futuna Islands, via New Caledonia	NOU	18
Western Samoa	APW	18
Yemen	SAH	19
Zambia	LUN	19
Zimbabwe	HRE	19

1 At the mailer's option, a finer sortation for IPA items addressed to Australia may be used. If this option is chosen, items addressed with postal codes beginning with 0, 1, 2, 4, and 9 and uncoded mail should be sorted and prepared in direct country containers tagged to Sydney. Both the three-letter exchange office code ("SYD") and the country name ("Australia") should be entered in the "To" block of PS Tag 115, *International Priority Airmail*. Items addressed with postal codes beginning with 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 should be sorted and prepared in direct country containers tagged to Melbourne. Both the three-letter exchange office code ("MEL") and the country name ("Australia") should be entered in the "To" block of PS Tag 115.

- 2 For all destinations to France other than Monaco. For Monaco, see the entry for Monaco in this exhibit.
- 3 For all destinations to New Zealand other than Cook Islands. For Cook Islands, see the entry for Cook Islands in this exhibit.

Exhibit 292.45b

Canadian Mail Container Labeling Information (Full-service Only)

ZIP Code of Entry Post Office [*]	Canadian Destination	U.S. Exchange Office Code	U.S. Exchange Office (or ISC)	Foreign Office of Exchange Code
005, 010–089, 100– 212, 214–268, 270– 297, 400–418, 420– 427, 470–471, 476–477	MONTREAL QC FWD	003	JFK	YMQ
006–009, 298–339, 341–342, 344, 346– 347, 349–352, 354– 399, 723	MONTREAL QC FWD	33112	MIA	YMQ

430–469, 472–475, 478–516, 520–528, 530–532, 534–535, 537–551, 553–567, 570–577, 580–588, 600–620, 622–631, 633–641, 644–658, 660–662, 664–681, 683–693, 700–701, 703–708, 710–714, 716–722, 724–731, 733–741, 743–816, 822–831, 840–847, 870–875, 877–885, 893, 897–898	TORONTO ON FWD	60290	ORD	For IPA letter-size and flat- size: TOR. For IPA packages- size: YTO.
590–599, 820–821, 832–838, 894–895, 937–961, 970–986, 988–999	VANCOUVER BC FWD	94013	SFO	YVR
850–853, 855–857, 859–860, 863–865, 889–891, 900–908, 910–928, 930–936	VANCOUVER BC FWD	90899	LAX	YVR
967–969	VANCOUVER BC FWD	96820	HNL	YVR

^{*} The "ZIP Code of Entry Post Office" column is relevant only for mailings claimed at the full-service price (i.e., not drop shipped at an ISC) to determine their Canadian destination and U.S. exchange office code container information.

292.46 Presort Mailings: Direct Country — Price Groups 1 through 14 292.461— General

Price groups 1 through 14 may be prepared in direct country containers (full-service price and ISC drop shipment price). Each direct country container must contain at least 2 pounds of mail. The mailer must separately containerize items bearing customs forms from items not bearing customs forms and must prepare letter-size, flat-size, and package-size items in separate containers as defined in 292.462a through 292.462c. Smaller quantities qualify only for mixed country

price (price groups 9 through 14 only) under 292.47, or for the worldwide nonpresort price under 292.49. The maximum container weight is 66 pounds.

292.462 Preparation

The mailer must prepare direct country containers of presorted IPA mail (fullservice price and ISC drop shipment price) as follows:

- a. Letter-Size and Flat-Size Mail. For each direct country tray of letter-size or flat-size mail, the mailer must do the following:
 - 1. Mail Preparation. Prepare letter-size items in letter trays, either 1-foot or 2-foot, depending on volume. Prepare flat-size items in flat trays/tubs. Do not prepare the content of trays in bundles. Face all letter-size items and flat-size items in the same direction. Ensure that all trays are full enough to keep the mail from mixing during transportation. Cover (i.e., sleeve or lid) all letter-size and flat-size trays and secure them with strapping.
 - 2. Container Tags. Complete the front side of PS Tag 115, International Priority Airmail, which identifies the mail to ensure it receives priority handling. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the tray contains items with or without customs forms, identify the destination country, and enter the date of mailing, the 10-digit permit number, the foreign office of exchange code as listed in Exhibit 292.45a and 292.45b, and the price group as listed in Exhibit 292.45a and 292.45b. To the front side of the tag, apply a barcode that indicates the mailer's permit number, the product

code, the service type code, the container type code, the mail contents shape type code, the foreign office of exchange code, and the serial number of the container. (To request technical specifications for the barcode, send an e-mail to *globalbusiness-sales@usps.gov*). Finally, tape PS Tag 115 to the tray cover.

- b. Packages. For each direct country sack of package-size items, the mailer must do the following:
 - Mail Preparation. Prepare package-size items by placing them loose in sacks.
 - 2. Tags. Container Tags. Complete the front side of PS Tag 115, International Priority Airmail, which identifies the mail to ensure it receives priority handling. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the container contains items with or without customs forms, identify the destination country, and enter the date of mailing, the 10-digit permit number, the foreign office of exchange code as listed in Exhibit 292.45a and 292.45b, and the price group as listed in Exhibit 292.45a and 292.45b. To the front side of the tag, apply a barcode that indicates the mailer's permit number, the product code, the service type code, the container type code, the shape type code, the foreign office of exchange code, and the serial number of the container. (To request technical specifications for the barcode, send an e-mail to globalbusiness-sales@usps.gov).
 Finally, attach PS Tag 115 to the neck of the sack.

3. Direct Country Container Label. A mailer who claims the ISC drop shipment price and enters the mail at an authorized drop shipment location under 292.532 is not required to prepare container labels. A mailer who claims the full-service price must complete 2-inch container labels (and insert them into the applicable container label holder) as follows (see Exhibit 292.462 for the list of U.S. Exchange Offices):

Line 1: Appropriate U.S. Exchange Office and Routing Code

Line 2: Contents — DRX COUNTRY

Line 3: Mailer, Mailer Location

Example:

ISC NEW YORK NY 003 IPA — DRX COUNTRY ABC STORE ALBANY NY

Exhibit 292.462

Labeling of IPA Mail to Postal Service Exchange Offices (Full-service only)

IPA Acceptance Office 3-Digit ZIP Code Prefix	U.S. Exchange Office and Routing Code for Line 1
005, 010–089, 100–212, 214–268, 270–297, 400–418, 420–427, 470–477	ISC NEW YORK NY 003
006–009, 298–339, 341–342, 344, 346–347, 349–352, 354–399	ISC MIAMI FL 33112
424, 430–469, 478–516, 520–528, 530–532, 534–535, 537–551, 553–567, 570–577, 580–588, 600–620, 622–631, 633–641, 644–658, 660–662, 664–681, 683–693, 700–701, 703–708, 710–714, 716–731, 733–741, 743–799, 885	ISC CHICAGO IL 60290
590–599, 800–816, 820–838, 840–847, 893–895, 897–898, 937–961, 970–986, 988–999	ISC SAN FRANCISCO CA 94013

850–853, 855–857, 859–860, 863–865, 870–875, 877–884, 889–891, 900–908, 910–928, 930–936 967–969 ISC LOS ANGELES CA 900 P&DC HONOLULU HI 967

292.47 Presort Mailings: Mixed Country — Price Groups 9 through 14 292.471 General

The mailer may prepare price groups 9 through 14 in mixed country containers (ISC drop shipment price) only after all possible direct country containers have been prepared. Each mixed country price group must contain at least 5 pounds of mail that are destined within the same price group. The mailer must separately containerize items bearing customs forms from items not bearing customs forms and must prepare letter-size, flat-size, and package-size items in separate containers as defined in 292.472a and 292.472b. Smaller quantities qualify only for the worldwide nonpresort price under 292.49. The maximum container weight is 66 pounds.

292.472 Preparation

The mailer must prepare mixed country containers of presorted IPA mail (ISC drop shipment price) as follows:

- a. Letter-Size and Flat-Size Mail. For each mixed country tray of letter-size or flat-size mail, the mailer must do the following:
 - Mail Preparation. Prepare letter-size items in letter trays, either 1foot or 2-foot, depending on volume. Prepare flat-size items in flat
 trays/tubs. Bundle letter-size and flat-size pieces as defined in
 292.44, and bundle each country separately. Face all letter-size

items and flat-size items in the same direction and apply a label (facing slip) to the top item as defined in 292.473. Cover (i.e., sleeve or lid) all letter-size trays and flat-size trays/tubs and secure them with strapping.

- 2. Container Tags. Complete the front side of PS Tag 115, International Priority Airmail, which identifies the mail to ensure it receives priority handling. Identify the date of mailing, the 10-digit permit number, and the price group as listed in Exhibit 292.45a or 292.45b followed by the word "Mixed" (e.g., "14–Mixed"). Finally, tape PS Tag 115 to the tray cover.
- b. Packages. For each mixed country container of package-size items, the mailer must do the following:
 - Mail Preparation. Prepare package-size items by placing them loose in sacks.
 - 2. Container Tags. Complete the front side of PS Tag 115, International Priority Airmail, which identifies the mail to ensure it receives priority handling. Identify the date of mailing, the 10-digit permit number, and the price group as listed in Exhibit 292.45a or 292.45b followed by the word "Mixed" (e.g., "14–Mixed"). Finally, attach PS Tag 115 to the neck of the sack.

292.473 Direct Country Bundle Label for Mixed Country Containers

Only letter-size and flat-size direct country bundles prepared for mixed country containers require a label (facing slip). The mailer must complete the label and

place it on the address side of the top item of each bundle in such a manner that it will not become separated from the bundle. The pressure-sensitive labels and optional endorsement lines used domestically for presort mail are prohibited for IPA service. Bundle labels must contain the following information:

Line 1: Foreign Office of Exchange Code. (See Exhibit 292.45a and 292.45b.)

Line 2: Country Labeling Name. (See Exhibit 292.45a and 292.45b.)

Line 3: Mailer, Mailer Location (City and State).

Example:

VIE AUSTRIA ABC COMPANY WASHINGTON DC

[Insert new 292.48 and 292.49 to read as follows:]

292.48 Presort Mailings — Price Groups 15 through 19

292.481 General

Price groups 15 through 19 must be prepared in direct country containers (full-service price and ISC drop shipment price) or mixed country containers (ISC drop shipment price). Each direct country container must contain at least 2 pounds of mail. Each mixed country container must contain at least 5 pounds of mail. Smaller quantities qualify only for the worldwide nonpresort price under 292.49. The mailer must separately containerize items bearing customs forms from items not bearing customs forms. The maximum container weight is 66 pounds.

292.482 Preparation

The mailer has two options to prepare direct country or mixed country containers of presorted IPA mail, as follows:

- Prepare mail as described in 292.46 and 292.47, including using letter-size trays for letter-size items, flat-size trays/tubs for flat-size items, and sacks for package-size items.
- 2. Prepare mail in sacks for all processing categories as defined in 292.483 and 292.484.

292.483 Direct Country — Optional Sack Preparation

The mailer may optionally prepare direct country sacks or mixed country sacks of presorted IPA mail when sacks are used for all processing categories as follows:

- a. Full-Service and ISC Drop Shipment Direct country sacks.
 - 1. Preparation. Mail (letter-size, flat-size, and package-size) that is addressed to an individual country and that contains 2 pounds or more must be sorted into direct country sacks. Mail that cannot be made up into direct country sacks must be prepared and entered as mixed country sacks (ISC Drop Shipment only) or the worldwide nonpresort price. The mailer must bundle letter-size and flat-size items as defined in 292.44. The mailer must bundle letter-size items and flat-size items separately, although nonidentical items may be commingled within each of these categories. Face all letter-size items and flat-size items in the same direction and apply a label (facing slip) to the top item as defined in 292.472. Place package-

- size items loose in the sack provided that items bearing customs forms are separated from items not bearing customs forms.
- 2. Container Tags. The mailer must complete the front side of PS Tag 115, International Priority Airmail, which identifies the mail to ensure it receives priority handling. The mailer must check the appropriate box to indicate if the sack contains items with or without customs forms, identify the destination country, and enter the date of mailing, the 10-digit permit number, the foreign office of exchange code as listed in Exhibits 292.45a and 292.45b, and the price group as listed in Exhibits 292.45a and 292.45b. The mailer must apply a barcode to the front side of the tag that indicates the mailer's permit number, the product code, the service type code, the container type, the shape type, the foreign office of exchange code, and the serial number of the sack. (To request technical specifications for the barcode, send an e-mail to *globalbusiness*sales @usps.gov). Finally, the mailer must attach PS Tag 115 to the neck of the sack.
- 3. Direct Country Container Label. A mailer who claims the ISC drop shipment price and enters the mail at an authorized drop shipment location under 292.532 is not required to prepare container labels. A mailer who claims the full-service price must complete 2-inch container labels (and insert them into the applicable container label holder) as follows (see Exhibit 292.483 for the list of U.S. Exchange Offices):

Line 1: Appropriate U.S. Exchange Office and Routing Code

Line 2: Contents — DRX COUNTRY

Line 3: Mailer, Mailer Location

Example:

ISC NEW YORK NY 003 IPA — DRX COUNTRY ABC STORE ALBANY NY

Exhibit 292.483

Labeling of IPA Mail to Postal Service Exchange Offices (Full-service only)

IPA Acceptance Office 3-Digit ZIP Code Prefix	U.S. Exchange Office and Routing Code for Line 1
005, 010–089, 100–212, 214–268, 270–297, 400–418, 420–427, 470–477	ISC NEW YORK NY 003
006–009, 298–339, 341–342, 344, 346–347, 349–352, 354–399	ISC MIAMI FL 33112
424, 430–469, 478–516, 520–528, 530–532, 534–535, 537–551, 553–567, 570–577, 580–588, 600–620, 622–631, 633–641, 644–658, 660–662, 664–681, 683–693, 700–701, 703–708, 710–714, 716–731, 733–741, 743–799, 885	ISC CHICAGO IL 60290
590–599, 800–816, 820–838, 840–847, 893–895, 897–898, 937–961, 970–986, 988–999	ISC SAN FRANCISCO CA 94013
850–853, 855–857, 859–860, 863–865, 870–875, 877–884, 889–891, 900–908, 910–928, 930–936	ISC LOS ANGELES CA 900
967–969	P&DC HONOLULU HI 967

- b. ISC Drop Shipment Mixed country sacks.
 - Preparation. Mixed country sacks can be prepared only after all
 possible direct country sacks have been prepared. The mailer must

prepare mixed country sacks for items that contain 5 pounds or more and that are destined within the same price group. Mail that ultimately cannot be made up into direct country sacks or mixed country sacks must be prepared and entered at the worldwide nonpresort price. The mailer must bundle letter-size and flat-size items as defined in 292.44. The mailer must bundle letter-size and flat-size items separately, although nonidentical items may be commingled within each of these categories. Face all letter-size items and flat-size items in the same direction and apply a label (facing slip) to the top item as defined in 292.484. Place package-size items that cannot be bundled because of their physical characteristics loose in the sack provided that items bearing customs forms are separated from items not bearing customs forms.

2. Container Tags. The mailer must complete the front side of PS Tag 115, International Priority Airmail, which identifies the mail to ensure it receives priority handling. On the front of the tag, the mailer must identify the date of mailing, the 10-digit permit number, and the price group as listed in Exhibit 292.45a or 292.45b followed by the word "Mixed" (e.g., "15–Mixed"). Finally, the mailer must attach PS Tag 115 to the neck of the sack.

292.484 Presorted Mail — Direct Country Bundle Label

Only letter-size and flat-size direct country bundles prepared for mixed country sacks require a label (facing slip). The mailer must complete the label and place it on the address side of the top item of each bundle in such a manner that it will not become separated from the bundle. The pressure-sensitive labels and optional endorsement lines used domestically for presort mail are prohibited for IPA service. Bundle labels must contain the following information:

Line 1: Foreign Office of Exchange Code. (See Exhibits 292.45a and 292.45b.)

Line 2: Country Labeling Name. (See Exhibits 292.45a and 292.45b.)

Line 3: Mailer, Mailer Location (City and State).

Example:

VIE AUSTRIA ABC COMPANY WASHINGTON DC

292.49 Worldwide Nonpresort Preparation

The following standards apply when the mailer prepares worldwide nonpresort IPA mail (full-service price and ISC drop shipment price):

a. General. A mailer claiming any mail at the direct country or mixed country price cannot enclose the mail in worldwide nonpresort sacks. The mailer must bundle letter-size and flat-size mail. All types of mail, including lettersize bundles, flat-size bundles, and loose items, can be commingled in the same sack. Labels (facing slips) are not required on any bundles.

Containers other than sacks are not authorized unless other equipment is specified by the acceptance office — for example, the mailer may present

- nonpresorted letter-size mail in trays if authorized by the acceptance office. The maximum weight of any container is 66 pounds.
- b. Worldwide Nonpresort Container Label. A mailer who claims the ISC drop shipment price and enters the mail at an authorized drop shipment location under 292.532 is not required to prepare container labels. A mailer who claims the full-service price must complete 2-inch container labels (and insert them into the applicable container label holder) as follows (see Exhibit 292.483 for the list of U.S. Exchange Offices):

Line 1: Appropriate U.S. Exchange Office and Routing Code

Line 2: Contents WKG

Line 3: Mailer, Mailer Location

Example:

ISC MIAMI FL 33112 IPA — WKG ABC COMPANY MIAMI FL

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293 International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) Service

293.1 Description

293.11 General

[Revise 293.11 to read as follows:]

International Surface Air Lift (ISAL) service, including ISAL M-bags, is a commercial service designed for volume mailings of all First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, and large envelopes (flats), and for volume mailings of First-Class Package International Service packages (small packets).

The sender must prepare mailpieces in accordance with the requirements of this subchapter and with the shape-based requirements of the applicable service — either First-Class Mail International items (see 240) and/or First-Class Package International Service items (see 250). ISAL shipments are typically flown to the foreign destinations (exceptions apply to Canada and Mexico) and are then entered into that country's surface nonpriority mail system for delivery. Separate prices are provided for International Service Center (ISC) drop shipments, presorted mail, and nonpresorted mail. Volume incentives are available through customized agreements.

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293.2 Eligibility

293.21 Qualifying Mailpieces

[Revise 293.21 to read as follows:]

To qualify for ISAL service, a mailpiece must meet the First-Class Mail International characteristics as defined in 141.5 (except for weight — see 293.24) or the First-Class Package International Service characteristics as defined in 141.6 (except for weight — see 293.24). Mailpieces do not have to be of the same size and weight to qualify. Any item sent with ISAL service must conform to the size limits for First-Class Mail International postcards, letters, or large envelopes (flats) as described in 240, or for First-Class Package International Service packages (small packets) as described in 250.

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293.23 Minimum Quantity Requirements

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293.232 Presort Eligibility — Full-Service

[Revise the first sentence to read as follows:]

Only a direct country container with a minimum of 2 pounds qualifies for the presort price. ***

293.233 Presort Eligibility — ISC Drop Shipment

[Revise the first sentence to read as follows:]

Only a direct country container with a minimum of 2 pounds or a mixed country container with a minimum of 5 pounds qualifies for the presort price. ***

[Insert new 293.24 to read as follows (renumbering current 293.24 through 293.26 to be 293.25 through 293.27):]

293.24 Maximum Weight Limits

The maximum weight for an ISAL container is 66 pounds. The maximum weight for an individual ISAL item is as follows:

a. Letter-size item: 3.5 ounces.

b. Flat-size item: 17.6 ounces.

c. Package-size item: 4.4 pounds.

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293.3 Prices and Postage Payment Methods

293.31 Prices

[Revise the first sentence to read as follows:]

ISAL service has two price options: a presort price with 19 price groups, and a worldwide nonpresort price. ***

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293.4 Mail Preparation

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[Revise 293.45 through 293.47 in their entirety to read as follows:]

293.45 ISAL Price Groups and Foreign Office of Exchange Codes

See Exhibits 293.45a and 293.45b for the ISAL Country Price Groups and Foreign Office of Exchange Codes.

Exhibit 293.45a

ISAL Country Price Groups, and Foreign Office of Exchange Codes For All Countries Other Than Canada

Country Labeling Name	Foreign Office of Exchange Code	Price Group
Albania	TIA	16
Algeria	ALG	19
Angola	LAD	19
Argentina	BUE	10
Aruba	AUA	17
Australia	SYD	9
Austria	VIE	12
Bahrain	BAH	19
Bangladesh	DAC	19
Belgium	BRU	12
Belize	BZE	17
Benin	COO	19
Bolivia	LPB	17
Brazil	SAO	10
Bulgaria	SOF	16
Burkina Faso	OUA	19
Cameroon	DLA	19
Canada	See Canadian Labeling Information in Exhibit 293.45b.	1
Central African Republic	BGF	19
Chile	SCL	17
China	BJS	14
Colombia	BOG	17
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	FIH	19

Costa Rica Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) Curacao (includes Bonaire, Saba, and Sint Eustatius)	SJO ABJ CUR	17 19 17
Czech Republic Denmark Dominican Republic Ecuador Egypt El Salvador Ethiopia Fiji	PRG CPH SDQ GYE CAI SAL ADD NAN	16 12 17 17 19 17 19 18
Finland France (includes Corsica) French Guiana Gabon Germany	HEL CDG CAY LBV NIA	12 5 17 19 4
Ghana Great Britain Greece Guatemala Guyana	ACC LAL ATH GUA GEO	19 3 13 17 17
Haiti Honduras Hong Kong Hungary Iceland	PAP TGU HKG BUD REK	17 17 11 16 15
India Indonesia Ireland Israel	BOM JKT AHE TLV	14 18 13 13
Italy Jamaica Japan * Jordan	MIL KIN KIX KWS AMM	7 17 6 6 19
Kenya Korea, Rep. of (South) Kuwait Lebanon Liechtenstein Luxembourg	NBO SEL KWI BEY ZRH LUX	19 11 19 19 15
Madagascar Malaysia Mali Mauritania	TNR KUL BKO NKC	19 18 19 19

Mauritius	MRU	19
Mexico	MEX	2
Morocco	CAS	19
Mozambique	MPM	19
Netherlands	AMS	12
New Zealand	AKL	9
Nicaragua	MGA	17
Niger	NIM	19
Nigeria	LOS	19
Norway	OSL	12
Oman	MCT	19
Pakistan	KHI	19
Panama	PTY	17
Papua New Guinea	BOR	18
Paraguay	ASU	17
Peru	LIM	17
Philippines	MNL	14
Poland	WAW	12
Portugal	LIS	13
Qatar	DOH	19
Reunion	RUN	19
Romania	BUH	16
Russia	MOW	16
Saudi Arabia	DMM	19
Senegal	DKR	19
Singapore	SIN	11
Sint Maarten	SXM	17
Slovak Republic (Slovakia)	BTS	16
South Africa	JNB	14
Spain (includes Canary Islands)	MAD	8
Sri Lanka	CMB	19
Suriname	PBM	17
Sweden	STO	12
Switzerland	ZRH	12
Taiwan	TPE	14
Tanzania	DAR	19
Thailand	BKK	14
Timor-Leste, Democratic Republic of	DIL	18
·	LFW	19
Togo	POS	17
Trinidad and Tobago Tunisia	TUN	17
	IST	
Turkey		16
Uganda	KLA DVB	19
United Arab Emirates	DXB	19
Uruguay	MVD	17
Venezuela	CCS	17

Yemen	SAH	19
Zambia	NLA	19
Zimbabwe	HRE	19

^{*} To expedite handling, Japan Post has requested that U.S. shippers make the following optional separation of their ISAL mail:

- Mail destined for locations in Japan with post code prefixes 52–93 should be labeled to Osaka International (KIX).
- Mail destined for all other post code prefixes should be labeled to Kawasaki (KWS).
- ISAL mail that is not optionally separated as specified above should be labeled to Kawasaki KWS).

Exhibit 293.45b

Canadian Mail Container Labeling Information (Full-service Only)

ZIP Code of Entry Post Office [*]	Canadian Destination	U.S. Exchange Office Code	U.S. Exchange Office (or ISC)	Foreign Office of Exchange Code
005, 010–089, 100– 212, 214–268, 270– 297, 400–418, 420– 427, 470–471, 476–477	MONTREAL QC FWD	003	JFK	YMQ
006–009, 298–339, 341–342, 344, 346– 347, 349–352, 354– 399, 723	MONTREAL QC FWD	33112	MIA	YMQ
430–469, 472–475, 478–516, 520–528, 530–532, 534–535, 537–551, 553–567, 570–577, 580–588, 600–620, 622–631, 633–641, 644–658, 660–662, 664–681, 683–693, 700–701, 703–708, 710–714, 716–722, 724–731, 733–741, 743–816, 822–831, 840–847, 870–875, 877–885, 893, 897–898	TORONTO ON FWD	60290	ORD	For ISAL letter-size and flat-size: TOR. For ISAL packages-size: YTO.
590–599, 820–821,	VANCOUVER	94013	SFO	YVR

832–838, 894–895, 937–961, 970–986,	BC FWD			
988–999				
850-853, 855-857,	VANCOUVER	90899	LAX	YVR
859–860, 863–865,	BC FWD			
889–891, 900–908,				
910–928, 930–936				
967–969	VANCOUVER	96820	HNL	YVR
	BC FWD			

^{*} The "ZIP Code of Entry Post Office" column is relevant only for mailings claimed at the full-service price (i.e., not drop shipped at an ISC) to determine their Canadian destination and U.S. exchange office code container information.

293.46 Presort Mailings: Direct Country — Price Groups 1 through 14 293.461 General

Price groups 1 through 14 may be prepared in direct country containers (full-service price and ISC drop shipment price). Each direct country container must contain at least 2 pounds of mail. The mailer must separately containerize items bearing customs forms from items not bearing customs forms and must prepare letter-size, flat-size, and package-size items in separate containers as defined in 293.462a through 293.462c. Smaller quantities qualify only for mixed country price (price groups 9 through 14 only) under 293.47, or for the worldwide nonpresort price under 293.49. The maximum container weight is 66 pounds.

293.462 Preparation

The mailer must prepare direct country containers of presorted ISAL mail (full-service price and ISC drop shipment price) as follows:

a. Letter-Size and Flat-Size Mail. For each direct country tray of letter-size or flat-size mail, the mailer must do the following:

- 1. Mail Preparation. Prepare letter-size items in letter trays, either 1-foot or 2-foot, depending on volume. Prepare flat-size items in flat trays/tubs. Do not prepare the content of trays in bundles. Face all letter-size items and flat-size items in the same direction. Ensure that all trays are full enough to keep the mail from mixing during transportation. Cover (i.e., sleeve or lid) all letter-size and flat-size trays and secure them with strapping.
- 2. Container Tags. Complete the front side of PS Tag 155, International Surface Air Lift, which identifies the mail to ensure it receives priority handling. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the tray contains items with or without customs forms, identify the destination country, and enter the date of mailing, the 10-digit permit number, the foreign office of exchange code as listed in Exhibits 293.45a and 293.45b, and the price group as listed in Exhibits 293.45a and 293.45b. To the front side of the tag, apply a barcode that indicates the mailer's permit number, the product code, the service type code, the container type code, the mail contents shape type code, the foreign office of exchange code, and the serial number of the container. (To request technical specifications for the barcode, send an e-mail to globalbusinesssales@usps.gov). Finally, tape the PS Tag 155 to the tray cover.
- b. Packages. For each direct country sack of package-size items, the mailer must do the following:

- Mail Preparation. Prepare package-size items by placing them loose in sacks.
- 2. Container Tags. Complete the front side of PS Tag 155, International Surface Air Lift, which identifies the mail to ensure it receives priority handling. Check the appropriate box to indicate if the container contains items with or without customs forms, identify the destination country, and enter the date of mailing, the 10-digit permit number, the foreign office of exchange code as listed in Exhibits 293.45a and 293.45b, and the price group as listed in Exhibits 293.45a and 293.45b. To the front side of the tag, apply a barcode that indicates the mailer's permit number, the product code, the service type code, the container type code, the shape type code, the foreign office of exchange code, and the serial number of the container. (To request technical specifications for the barcode, send an e-mail to globalbusiness-sales@usps.gov).
 Finally, attach PS Tag 155 to the neck of the sack.
- c. Direct Country Container Label. A mailer who claims the ISC drop shipment price and enters the mail at an authorized drop shipment location under 293.532 is not required to prepare container labels. A mailer who claims the full-service price must complete 2-inch container labels (and insert them into the applicable container label holder) as follows (see Exhibit 293.462 for the list of U.S. Exchange Offices):

IIS Exchange

Line 1: Appropriate U.S. Exchange Office and Routing Code

Line 2: Contents — DRX COUNTRY

Line 3: Mailer, Mailer Location

Example:

ISC NEW YORK NY 003 ISAL — DRX COUNTRY ABC STORE ALBANY NY

Exhibit 293.462

ISAL Acceptance Office

Labeling of ISAL Mail to Postal Service Exchange Offices (Full-service only)

3-Digit ZIP Code Prefix	O.S. Exchange Office and Routing Code for Line 1
005, 010–089, 100–212, 214–268, 270–297, 400–418, 420–427, 470–477	ISC NEW YORK NY 003
006–009, 298–339, 341–342, 344, 346–347, 349–352, 354–399	ISC MIAMI FL 33112
424, 430–469, 478–516, 520–528, 530–532, 534–535, 537–551, 553–567, 570–577, 580–588, 600–620, 622–631, 633–641, 644–658, 660–662, 664–681, 683–693, 700–701, 703–708, 710–714, 716–731, 733–741, 743–799, 885	ISC CHICAGO IL 60290
590–599, 800–816, 820–838, 840–847, 893–895, 897–898, 937–961, 970–986, 988–999	ISC SAN FRANCISCO CA 94013
850–853, 855–857, 859–860, 863–865, 870–875, 877–884, 889–891, 900–908, 910–928, 930–936 967–969	ISC LOS ANGELES CA 900 P&DC HONOLULU HI 967

293.47 Presort Mailings: Mixed Country — Price Groups 9 through 14

293.471 General

Price groups 9 through 14 may be prepared in mixed country containers (ISC drop shipment price) only after all possible direct country containers have been prepared. Each mixed country price group must contain at least 5 pounds of mail that are destined within the same price group. The mailer must separately containerize items bearing customs forms from items not bearing customs forms and must prepare letter-size, flat-size, and package-size items in separate containers as defined in 293.472a and 293.472b. Smaller quantities qualify only for the worldwide nonpresort price under 293.49. The maximum container weight is 66 pounds.

293.472 Preparation

The mailer must prepare mixed country containers of presorted ISAL mail (ISC drop shipment price) as follows:

- a. Letter-Size and Flat-Size Mail. For each mixed country tray of letter-size or flat-size mail, the mailer must do the following:
 - 1. Mail Preparation. Prepare letter-size items in letter trays, either 1-foot or 2-foot, depending on volume. Prepare flat-size items in flat trays/tubs. Bundle letter-size and flat-size pieces as defined in 293.44 and each country must be bundled separately. Face all letter-size items and flat-size items in the same direction and apply a label (facing slip) to the top item as defined in 293.473. Cover (i.e., sleeve or lid) all letter-size trays and flat-size trays/tubs and secure them with strapping.

- 2. Container Tags. Complete the front side of PS Tag 155, International Surface Air Lift, which identifies the mail to ensure it receives priority handling. Identify the date of mailing, the 10-digit permit number, and the price group as listed in Exhibit 293.45a or 293.45b followed by the word "Mixed" (e.g., "14–Mixed"). Finally, tape PS Tag 155 to the tray cover.
- b. Packages. For each mixed country container of package-size items, the mailer must do the following:
 - 1. *Mail Preparation.* Prepare package-size items by placing them loose in sacks.
 - 2. Container Tags. Complete the front side of PS Tag 155, International Surface Air Lift, which identifies the mail to ensure it receives priority handling. Identify the date of mailing, the 10-digit permit number, and the price group as listed in Exhibit 293.45a or 293.45b followed by the word "Mixed" (e.g., "14–Mixed"). Finally, attach PS Tag 155 to the neck of the sack.

293.473 Direct Country Bundle Label for Mixed Country Containers

Only letter-size and flat-size direct country bundles prepared for mixed country containers require a label (facing slip). The mailer must complete the label and place it on the address side of the top item of each bundle in such a manner that it will not become separated from the bundle. The pressure-sensitive labels and optional endorsement lines used domestically for presort mail are prohibited for ISAL service. Bundle labels must contain the following information:

Line 1: Foreign Office of Exchange Code. (See Exhibits 293.45a and 293.45b.)

Line 2: Country Labeling Name. (See Exhibits 293.45a and 293.45b.)

Line 3: Mailer, Mailer Location (City and State).

Example:

VIE AUSTRIA ABC COMPANY WASHINGTON DC

[Insert new 293.48 and 293.49 to read as follows:]

293.48 Presort Mailings — Price Groups 15 through 19

293.481 General

Price groups 15 through 19 may be prepared in direct country containers (full-service price and ISC drop shipment price) or mixed country containers (ISC drop shipment price). Each direct country container must contain at least 2 pounds of mail. Each mixed country container must contain at least 5 pounds of mail. Smaller quantities qualify only for the worldwide nonpresort price under 293.49. The mailer must separately containerize items bearing customs forms from items not bearing customs forms. The maximum container weight is 66 pounds.

293.482 Preparation

The mailer has two options to prepare direct country or mixed country containers of presorted ISAL mail, as follows:

 Prepare mail as described in 293.46 and 293.47, including using letter-size trays for letter-size items, flat-size trays/tubs for flat-size items, and sacks for package-size items. 2. Prepare mail in sacks for all processing categories as defined in 293.482 and 293.483.

293.483 Direct Country — Optional Sack Preparation

The mailer may optionally prepare direct country sacks or mixed country sacks of presorted ISAL mail when sacks are used for all processing categories as follows:

- a. Full-Service and ISC Drop Shipment Direct country sacks.
 - 1. Preparation. Mail (letter-size, flat-size and package-size) that is addressed to an individual country and that contains 2 pounds or more must be sorted into direct country sacks. Mail that cannot be made up into direct country sacks must be prepared and entered as mixed country sacks (ISC Drop Shipment only) or the worldwide nonpresort price. The mailer must bundle letter-size and flat-size items as defined in 293.44. The mailer must bundle letter-size items and flat-size items separately, although nonidentical items may be commingled within each of these categories. Face all letter-size items and flat-size items in the same direction and apply a label (facing slip) to the top item as defined in 293.473. Place package-size items loose in the sack provided that items bearing customs forms are separated from items not bearing customs forms.
 - Container Tags. The mailer must complete the front side of PS Tag
 155, International Surface Air Lift, which identifies the mail to
 ensure it receives priority handling. The mailer must check the

appropriate box to indicate if the sack contains items with or without customs forms, identify the destination country, and enter the date of mailing, the 10-digit permit number, the foreign office of exchange code as listed in Exhibits 293.45a and 293.45b, and the price group as listed in Exhibits 293.45a and 294.45b. To the front side of the tag, the mailer must apply a barcode that indicates the mailer's permit number, the product code, the service type code, the container type, the shape type, the foreign office of exchange code, and the serial number of the sack. (To request technical specifications for the barcode, send an e-mail to globalbusiness-sales@usps.gov). Finally, the mailer must attach PS Tag 155 to the neck of the sack.

3. Direct Country Container Label. A mailer who claims the ISC drop shipment price and enters the mail at an authorized drop shipment location under 293.532 is not required to prepare container labels. A mailer who claims the full-service price must complete 2-inch container labels (and insert them into the applicable container label holder) as follows (see Exhibit 293.483 for the list of U.S. Exchange Offices):

Line 1: Appropriate U.S. Exchange Office and Routing Code

Line 2: Contents — DRX COUNTRY

Line 3: Mailer, Mailer Location

Example:

ISC NEW YORK NY 003 ISAL — DRX COUNTRY ABC STORE ALBANY NY

Exhibit 293.483

Labeling of ISAL Mail to Postal Service Exchange Offices (Full-service only)

U.S. Exchange Office and Routing Code for Line 1
ISC NEW YORK NY 003
ISC MIAMI FL 33112
ISC CHICAGO IL 60290
ISC SAN FRANCISCO CA 94013
ISC LOS ANGELES CA 900 P&DC HONOLULU HI 967

- b. ISC Drop Shipment Mixed country sacks.
 - 1. Mixed country sacks can be prepared only after all possible direct country sacks have been prepared. Mailers must prepare mixed country sacks for items that contain 5 pounds or more and that are destined within the same price group. Mail that ultimately cannot be made up into direct country sacks or mixed country sacks must be prepared and entered at the worldwide nonpresort price. The mailer

must bundle letter-size and flat-size items as defined in 293.44. The mailer must bundle letter-size and flat-size items separately, although nonidentical items may be commingled within each of these categories. Face all letter-size items and flat-size items in the same direction and apply a label (facing slip) to the top item as defined in 293.483. Place package-size items that cannot be bundled because of their physical characteristics loose in the sack provided that items bearing customs forms are separated from items not bearing customs forms.

2. Container Tags. The mailer must complete the front side of PS Tag 155, International Surface Air Lift, which identifies the mail to ensure it receives priority handling. On the front of the tag, the mailer must identify the date of mailing, the 10-digit permit number, and the price group as listed in Exhibits 293.45a and 293.45b followed by the word "Mixed" (e.g., "15–Mixed"). Finally, the mailer must attach PS Tag 155 to the neck of the sack.

293.483 Direct Country Bundle Label

Only letter-size and flat-size direct country bundles prepared for mixed country sacks require a label (facing slip). The mailer must complete the label and place it on the address side of the top item of each bundle in such a manner that it will not become separated from the bundle. The pressure-sensitive labels and optional endorsement lines used domestically for presort mail are prohibited for ISAL service. Bundle labels must contain the following information:

- Line 1: Foreign Office of Exchange Code. (See Exhibits 293.45a and 293.45b.)
- Line 2: Country Labeling Name. (See Exhibits 293.45a and 293.45b.)
- Line 3: Mailer, Mailer Location (City and State).

Example:

VIE AUSTRIA ABC COMPANY WASHINGTON DC

293.49 Worldwide Nonpresort Preparation

The following standards apply when the mailer prepares worldwide nonpresort ISAL mail (full-service price and ISC drop shipment price):

- a. General. A mailer claiming any mail at the direct country or mixed country price cannot enclose the mail in worldwide nonpresort sacks. The mailer must bundle letter-size and flat-size mail. All types of mail, including letter-size bundles, flat-size bundles, and loose items, can be commingled in the same sack. Labels (facing slips) are not required on any bundles.
 Containers other than sacks are not authorized unless other equipment is specified by the acceptance office for example, nonpresorted letter-size mail may be presented in trays if authorized by the acceptance office. The maximum weight of any container is 66 pounds.
- b. Worldwide Nonpresort Container Label. A mailer who claims the ISC drop shipment price and enters the mail at an authorized drop shipment location under 293.532 is not required to prepare container labels. A mailer who claims the full-service price must complete 2-inch container

labels (and insert them into the applicable container label holder) as follows (see Exhibit 293.483 for the list of U.S. Exchange Offices):

Line 1: Appropriate U.S. Exchange Office and Routing Code

Line 2: Contents WKG

Line 3: Mailer, Mailer Location

Example:

ISC MIAMI FL 33112 ISAL — WKG ABC COMPANY MIAMI FL

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297 Customized Agreements

297.1 Description

[Revise 297.1 to read as follows:]

The Postal Service provides Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) customized agreements to Priority Mail Express International, Priority Mail International, and First-Class Package International Service customers pursuant to the terms and conditions stipulated between the Postal Service and a particular customer.

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3 Extra Services

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370 International Money Transfer Services

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372 Sure Money (DineroSeguro)

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372.2 Options and Restrictions

The following restrictions apply to Sure Money service:

[Revise item a to read as follows:]

a. The maximum purchase per day is \$1,500.

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372.3 Fees

[Revise 372.3 to read as follows:]

See Exhibit 372.3 for the fees for Sure Money service.

Exhibit 372.3

Fees for Sure Money Service

Transaction Type	Amount Not Over	Fee
Sales	\$750	\$11.00
	\$1,500	\$16.50
Refunds	\$1,500	\$26.00
Change of Payee	\$1,500	\$12.00

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Individual Country Listings

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Mexico

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Priority Mail Express International (220) Price Group 2

[Revise the table to read as follows (increasing the maximum weight limit to 70 pounds):]

Refer to Notice 123, Price List, for the applicable retail, Commercial Base, or Commercial Plus price.

Weight Limit: 70 lbs.

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Priority Mail International (230) Price Group 2

[Revise the table to read as follows (increasing the maximum weight limit to 70 pounds):]

Refer to Notice 123, *Price List*, for the applicable retail, Commercial Base, or Commercial Plus price.

Weight Limit: 70 lbs.

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We will publish an appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 20 to reflect these changes.

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